

## **Loneliness and Social Isolation Select Committee**

### **Biography**

#### **Dr Kellie Payne, Research and Policy Manager, Campaign to End Loneliness**

Before joining the Campaign to End Loneliness, Dr. Kellie Payne completed her PhD in Cultural Geography at the Open University. She is the Campaign's Research and Policy Manager. She is responsible for the Learning Network, which is made up of over 1,000 member organisations who work with older people on the issue of loneliness. She also manages the Research and Policy Hub which is comprised of over 150 academics and researchers working in the area of loneliness research. She is passionate about making loneliness a key public health issue. Kellie is originally from Chicago, Illinois and has been in London since moving there to undertake her Masters degree at the London School of Economics in 2004.